

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
March 22, 2010

TIME The meeting convened at 6:38 P.M.

PRESENT Chair Krongold, Vice-Chair Tam, Commissioners Lord-Hausman, Fort, Kirola, Moore and Warren.

ABSENT: None.

MINUTES

The February 22, 2010 minutes were approved with corrections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

1. Commissioner Lord-Hausman introduced Mr. John Knox-White, former member of the Transportation Commission, and requested that he provide an overview on changes to various AC-Transit bus routes and the effects it will have on Alameda.

Mr. Knox-White stated that AC Transit is cutting its overall services by nine percent. The biggest change for Alameda is Line 19, which runs down Buena Vista Avenue, is ending because of low rider-ship and it is a quarter-mile from Line 51. AC Transit determined that most people could walk the several blocks to the Line 51. AC Transit conducted an analysis, which included feedback from the West End community, regarding compliance with Title VI involving impacts to low-income communities. An additional change, Line 31 will now run to Alameda Point instead of Line 63.

Commissioner Kirola asked if Line 63, which connects to the Fruitvale BART Station, would end. Mr. Knox-White responded yes it would, however, Line 0 will run down Fruitvale to High Street, but the schedule would be irregular.

Mr. Knox-White further stated that Line 51 will cut off at Rockridge which will allow buses to run more frequently in Alameda. Line 51 would also travel to Fruitvale BART station.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that a member from PAPCO expressed concern over Line 19 being cancelled and Public Works Department is reviewing the new fixed shuttle route.

Chair Krongold asked when do all of these changes take affect to which Mr. Knox-White responded next Sunday, March 28th.

Mr. Knox-White stated that Line 50 would no longer go to the airport so the new Line 21 will cut off at the shopping center on Bay Farm Island.

Commissioner Kirola asked if the Line O bus would stay the same to which Mr. Knox-White

responded yes.

Commissioner Fort asked about the rationale for eliminating certain stops along Lines 50 and 21. Mr. Knox-White responded no rationale was provided for why AC Transit is eliminating certain stops.

Chair Krongold thanked Mr. Knox-White for attending the meeting and providing the Commission with the latest information regarding AC Transit route changes.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Annual Statements of Economic Interest Form 700 (Secretary Akil)

Secretary Akil distributed the Annual Statement of Economic Interest Form 700, which was completed by all of the Commissioner's present. Secretary Akil will forward the completed forms to the City Clerk's Office.

4-B. ADA Transition Plan Update (Secretary Akil)

Secretary Akil gave a presentation on the July 2008 adopted ADA Transition Plan update and provided information concerning on-going and upcoming ADA project-related work in the City. Secretary Akil also confirmed that the budget for ADA improvements has been cut heavily, in light of the downturn of the economy, however, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are budgeted annually, but on a smaller scale.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman asked if the ADA button at the main Fire Station on Park Street had been fixed, to which Secretary Akil responded she did not know, but assured the Commission that she will follow up with AFD staff for affirmative correction.

Chair Krongold asked how projects are prioritized in both volumes of the ADA Update. Secretary Akil responded that the consultant, Sally Swanson Architects, recommended a list of projects based on highest priority. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that Public Works prioritizes projects, such as sidewalks, as high priority.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. Transition Information Faire – College of Alameda (Chair Krongold)

Chair Krongold stated that the Commission would participate in the College of Alameda's Transition Information Faire. Commissioner Kirola will start the event at 9:30 A.M. Chair Krongold will cover from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and Commissioner Warren will be there from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. The Chair distributed registration forms for the Faire.

5-B. CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold)

Chair Krongold asked if the CDI had any further input regarding this year's planning. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that she and Vice-Chair Tam will meet up with ESL students and families to follow up with the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) and Alameda Family Literacy as previously indicated.

Chair Krongold asked Commissioner Warren if she had any follow up information regarding contacting the First Lady of the State, Maria Shriver. Commissioner Warren responded that Ms. Shriver is the Chair Person of the "We" and is interested in working with those with intellectual disabilities. The Commission would have to have an event, such as a celebration of the 20-year anniversary of the ADA in order for Ms. Shriver to attend.

Commissioner Moore suggested that Commissioner Warren check with Safeway regarding their disability event, which garnered the presence of Ms. Shriver. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that Safeway has a foundation and suggested that Commissioner Warren follow up with their foundation as well.

5-C. **Alameda Multicultural Community Center (Chair Krongold)**

Chair Krongold stated that the Commission has two upcoming film events and a sub-committee has been formed to assist in coordinating those events.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated she, Vice-Chair Tam and Ms. Holder met regarding the films, press release and flier, which has already been sent out to the press and will be distributed to all those listed on the Alameda Multicultural Center's distribution list. There will be a panel discussion following the film; Commissioner Warren and Anne Steiner will be on the panel. Chair Krongold will be the moderator of the panel. The event will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. on Friday, April 16th with Q&A following the film.

Commissioner Moore stated the second film event is Saturday, April 24th and will show a film, "Autism: The Musical." There will be a discussion panel following the movie. Both the School District and Regional Center will participate and distribute fliers. Starbucks will donate refreshments and Commissioner Moore stated that she is the moderator. Commissioner Moore also distributed a draft color flier, which the Commission supports.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6-A. Secretary Akil read correspondences from BART, regarding participation in transit decision-making and Mastick Senior Center, regarding Paratransit services in the City.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7-A. Commissioner Moore spoke about transitioning her son from public school to home-school

due to his autism. He attended the Autism Treatment Center of America. She stated that she will follow up with individual members of the Commission for input, ideas and suggestions, to which the Commission was supportive.

- 7-B. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that she and Vice-Chair Tam attended a meeting of the Youth Collaborative, which is submitting an application for the “100 Best Communities of the Nation.” Commissioner Lord-Hausman pointed out that between the CDI Fair, Film Festivals among other various activities that the CDI has either sponsored or participated in represents one aspect of why the Collaborative is doing the application. The website is americaspromise.org.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary